



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 23-24, 2023, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

**1. Legislative items.**

**a. Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaw 21.8.5.2.2 – Division II Championships Committee – Duties.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaw 21.8.5.2.2 (duties) to grant the Division II Championships Committee the authority to approve Division II sport and rules committee appointments.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The NCAA Division II Management Council currently is the final authority for approving Division II sport and rules committee appointments. However, given the new governance structure adopted at the 2023 Convention that revises the duties of the Management Council and drives decision making through the structure, the Championships Committee believes it is well positioned to take on this responsibility, particularly since the members of the Championships Committee are inherently more familiar with the duties of sport and rules committees and the individuals assigned to them. The Management Council would continue to review the appointments as part of the Championships Committee reports, as informational items.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Noncontroversial Legislation – Streamlining Bylaws 18 and 31.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend and combine Bylaws 18 (championships and postseason football) and 31 (executive regulations) as specified in Attachment A.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. When the Division II Implementation Committee was established to review the division's policies and procedures after the new NCAA Constitution was adopted at the 2022 NCAA Convention, the committee created topic-specific subcommittees to help complete its task. Among the duties assigned to the Championships Subcommittee was to review Bylaws 18 and 31 as they relate to Division II national championships and determine which of those rules should remain as legislation, which could be moved to policy, and which (if any) could be removed altogether.

The subcommittee reviewed each rule within Bylaws 18 and 31 with those parameters in mind and worked with staff to draft revisions as appropriate. Once the Implementation Committee completed its work in August 2022, this item was among those referred to the Division II Championships Committee for final review. The Championships Committee reviewed the document initially during its September meeting and is now comfortable submitting the Attachment for final consideration.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Minimum contests for sports sponsorship and championship selections.**

(1) Recommendation. Adjust the minimum contest/participant requirements for championship selection purposes as indicated in the table below.

Sport	Current Minimum Contests/Participants for Sports Sponsorship	Current Minimum Contests/Participants for Championship Selection	Recommended Minimums for Championship Selection
Football	8 contests	10 contests	<b>9 contests (8 must be against Division II opponents)</b>
Men's Golf	6 contests with 5 participants	7 contests (4 in championship segment); 12 rounds (6 in championship segment)	<b>7 contests posting an official team score and 12 rounds (6 of which must occur in the spring season)</b>
Women's Golf	6 contests with 5 participants	15 18-hole rounds (6 in championship segment)	<b>7 contests posting an official team score and 12 rounds (6 of which must occur in the spring season)</b>
Men's Lacrosse	8 contests	10 contests	<b>10 contests</b>
Men's Soccer	10 contests	15 contests (10 in-region Division II opponents and at least one in-region, nonconference Division II opponent)	<b>10 contests (must include at least one in-region nonconference Division II opponent)</b>

- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. Among the referrals from the Division II Implementation Committee to the Championships Committee was to collaborate with the Division II Membership Committee to consider aligning minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship and championships selection purposes. The referral occurred after the Implementation Committee's championships and membership subcommittees each noted the differences in select sports in these two categories and thought it would be best to conduct a more collaborative review to arrive at numbers that provide a more simple, consistent and equitable process among sports.

The review included feedback from sport committees that currently have different standards (football, men's and women's golf, men's lacrosse and men's soccer), which provided their input first to the Division II Membership Committee that met two weeks prior to the Championships Committee. In reviewing this matter, the Championships Committee agreed with the Membership Committee's responses to the sport committee proposals to arrive at the recommended numbers in the chart above. The only sport for which the final recommendation differed significantly from the sport committee proposal was men's soccer, which had proposed retaining the 15-contest requirement for championship selection purposes. However, both the Membership Committee and the Championships Committee believed that doing so would not align the numbers for sports sponsorship and championship selections, and that mirroring the sports sponsorship requirement of 10 contests is a more flexible option for institutions (and at least retaining the in-region contest requirement for championship selection mirrors the current sports sponsorship minimums) and aligns with the requirements in women's soccer in the number of contests.

[Note: The Membership Committee is making a similar recommendation for the applicable sport sponsorship requirements.]

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Division II Field Hockey Championship – date formula in festival years.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adjust the Division II Field Hockey Championship date formula in years during which the Division II Fall Sports Festival is held so that first-round games are played on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.
- (2) Effective date. 2026 NCAA Division II Field Hockey Championship. (The date formula will be updated immediately and be first used in fall 2026 when the next Division II Fall Sports Festival is conducted.)

- (3) Rationale. In a non-festival year, first-round games are played on the Saturday before the finals, which are conducted on the Friday and Sunday before Thanksgiving. This past year when the 2022 Division II Fall Sports Festival was conducted, first-round games were played on the Sunday after Thanksgiving and the finals were played the following Thursday and Saturday at the festival site. The proposed change reduces the length of the regular season for most teams, alleviates the burden on first-round hosts to conduct championship games over a holiday weekend, and provides additional planning and travel time for qualifying teams. (Note: The Championships Committee acknowledged that if this change is adopted, conferences will need to be aware of it as soon as possible to adjust their championship game schedule in festival years.)
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. In a festival year, the extended length of the regular season can be taxing on the physical and mental well-being of student-athletes. The proposed change minimizes that burden by reducing the extended length of the season for nonqualifying teams and teams who qualify only to the first round. Qualifying teams are provided additional time to prepare for traveling and playing in the final games.
- c. **Sport and rules committee appointments**. Ratify the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2023 (all due to term expirations). (See Attachment B.)
- (1) **Baseball**. Appoint **Bryce Darnell**, head baseball coach at Missouri Southern State University, to replace Steve Browning, director of athletics at Southern Arkansas University.
  - (2) **Baseball rules**. Appoint **Patrick McGaha**, head baseball coach at Harding University, to replace Mark Brew, head baseball coach at Lee University.
  - (3) **Men's basketball**. Appoint **Nate Burton**, director of athletics at West Virginia State University, to replace Darrell Brooks, head men's basketball coach at Bowie State University; and **Pryor Orser**, head men's basketball coach at Colorado School of Mines, to replace Michael McBroom, director of athletics at West Texas A&M University.
  - (4) **Men's basketball rules**. Appoint **Vince Alexander**, head men's basketball coach at Clayton State University, to replace Jim Boone, head men's basketball coach at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.
  - (5) **Women's basketball**. Appoint **Allie DeWitt**, senior associate commissioner and senior woman administrator at the Mountain East Conference, to replace Jennie Morrison, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at California University of Pennsylvania; **Katie Webb**, assistant director of athletics at

Southeastern Oklahoma State University, to replace Lori Hopkins, deputy director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Northwest Missouri State University; and **Jessica Carmack**, assistant director of athletics, head women's basketball coach and senior woman administrator at Christian Brothers University, to replace Thomas Jesse, head women's basketball coach at the University of Tampa.

- (6) **Women's basketball rules.** Appoint **Mike Simonson**, head women's basketball coach at Seattle Pacific University, to replace Alan Nakamura, head women's basketball coach at Biola University.
- (7) **Men's and women's cross country.** Appoint **Zach Emerson**, assistant director of athletics and director of track and field and cross country at Franklin Pierce University, to replace Kevin Curtain, head cross country coach at Bentley University; **Katelyn Smith**, director of athletics at Adams State University, to replace Leigh Cordes, head cross country coach and senior woman administrator at Lubbock Christian University; and **Kevin Adkisson**, head cross country and track and field coach at Central Washington University, to replace Chris Bradford, head cross country coach at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
- (8) **Field hockey.** Appoint **Jessica Roque**, associate director of athletics at Adelphi University, to replace Carolyn King-Robitaille, assistant director of athletics and head field hockey coach at Saint Anselm College; and **Brittney Randolph**, head field hockey coach at Mercyhurst University, to replace Stacey Gaudette, head field hockey coach at Mercyhurst University.
- (9) **Football.** Appoint **Andy McKenzie**, head football coach at Assumption University, to replace Paul Leuken, assistant to the commissioner at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; and **John Wilson Jr.**, assistant director of athletics at Virginia State University, to replace Monica Gordy-Polizzi, formerly the director of compliance and senior woman administrator at Mars Hill University.
- (10) **Men's soccer.** Appoint **Michael LaVato**, assistant director of athletics at American International University, to replace Wade Jean, head men's soccer coach at Saint Michael's College.
- (11) **Softball.** Appoint **Andrea Miller Grady**, assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, to replace Allie DeWitt, assistant commissioner at the Mountain East Conference; and **Neil Morgan**, associate director of athletics at Biola University, to replace Rebekah Gasner, associate director of athletics for compliance and student-athlete services and senior woman administrator at Montana State University Billings.
- (12) **Softball rules.** Appoint **Carla Campagna-Pessoa**, assistant director of athletics and head softball coach at Adelphi University, to replace Shena Hollar, head softball coach and senior woman administrator at Lenoir-Rhyne University.

- (13) **Men's and women's swimming and diving.** Appoint **Marc Danin**, head swimming and diving coach at Adelphi University, to replace Sara Smith, head swimming and diving coach at Roberts Wesleyan University.
- (14) **Men's and women's tennis.** Appoint **Christi Wade**, associate director of athletics at the University of West Alabama, to replace TJ Budd, assistant director of athletics at Palm Beach Atlantic University; and **Kelley Kish**, director of athletics at Wingate University, to replace Lee Underwood, head tennis coach at Barton College.
- (15) **Men's and women's track and field rules.** Appoint **Steve Johnson**, assistant director of athletics at Southern Nazarene University, to replace Bridget Johnson-Tettah, associate commissioner at the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
- (16) **Women's volleyball.** Appoint **Laura Dahlby Nicolai**, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Central Washington University, to replace Stephanie Shrieve-Hawkins, director of athletics at San Francisco State University.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Reid Amos welcomed the group and introduced new member Sandee Mott, the director of athletics at Texas Woman's University, who is representing the Division II Management Council. Mr. Reid also reviewed the agenda and timing for guest presenters.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved reports from its December 8 videoconference and January 20 electronic vote as presented.
3. **Division II Nominating Committee report.** The committee endorsed the recommendations to fill the September 1, 2023, vacancies identified in Action Item 2-c above. The Nominating Committee continues to seek nominees for several additional vacancies and hopes to have those filled soon. The Championships Committee also supported the Nominating Committee's recommendation that the Division II Management Council approve allowing individuals to serve on select multiple committees at the same time (e.g., a sport committee and a general committee) so long as there are no scheduling conflicts. This change to the Nominating Committee's policies and procedures is intended to increase the nomination pools and help the committee fill vacancies without compromising the quality of appointments.
4. **Committee updates.**
  - a. **Membership Committee.** Staff provided an update on the Membership Committee's meeting earlier this month during which the following applications for Division II membership were properly submitted by the February 1 deadline:
    - Jessup University, Rocklin, CA (current NAIA member joining the Pacific West Conference).

- Menlo College, Atherton, CA (current NAIA member joining the Pacific West Conference).
- Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL (current NAIA member joining the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference).
- Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX (current Division III member joining the Lone Star Conference).
- Talladega University, Talladega, AL (current NAIA member joining the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference).
- Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA (current NAIA member joining the Pacific West Conference).

The Membership Committee will review these applications further and determine whether to accept them into the membership process during its July meeting.

- b. Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) and discussion regarding federated playing rules.** The Championships Committee reviewed reports from the panel's most recent meetings and noted efforts underway to establish processes to provide for federated playing rules, consistent with a provision for such included in the new NCAA Constitution. PROP is recommending that the three divisional governance bodies pursue legislative actions to eliminate the current requirement that playing rules must be common for all divisions. In making this recommendation, the panel does not anticipate sweeping differences among the divisions that would disrupt officiating or require separate rules books. Staff in fact noted that the Division II membership in particular has not expressed an urgent need for federated rules but would not be opposed to the concept. The panel also believes that despite a federated model it is important to retain an Association-wide body to maintain the integrity of the rules-making process.

In another matter, PROP discussed the recommendation from the Division II Implementation Committee to move Bylaw 12.5.4 (use of logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel) from the Division II Manual and into the playing rules. The Division II Legislation Committee will discuss this further in March. The opinion from PROP is that Bylaw 12.5.4 should not be moved, as removing the language from the bylaws could diminish the importance of the rules and restrictions surrounding manufacturer logos.

- c. NCAA Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action.** The committee reviewed materials from the subcommittee outlining a strategy to engage federal legislators to seek federal legislation that would address three primary needs:
1. Federal laws that would govern college sports on a national level and preempt state law;
  2. To codify student-athlete non-employee status; and

3. Create an antitrust exemption in the form of legal safe harbor protection.

Staff noted that while the prevailing thought may be that these external pressures affect only Division I, the reality is that these issues – particularly those that relate to whether student-athletes are considered employees of the institution – will ultimately affect all NCAA members. Championships Committee members are encouraged to use the talking points from the subcommittee to engage with or answer questions from interested parties (or provide them to their presidents/chancellors to use when interacting with legislators from their community/region).

- d. **Division I Transformation Committee update.** The committee received an update on the Transformation Committee's final recommendations that were endorsed by the Division I Board of Directors in January and referred to the appropriate committees within the Division I governance structure for further review and implementation. Staff pointed out the recommendations related to the holistic student-athlete benefits model and noted that while these recommendations pertain specifically to Division I institutions and student-athletes, it is possible that the congressional interaction cited in Item 4-c may generate interest in increasing requirements for all NCAA members when it comes to student-athlete health and safety and personal and professional development. The ultimate decisions in Division I may also affect Division II from a membership perspective.

Accordingly, relevant Division II governance committees have been charged with monitoring/reviewing the Transformation Committee recommendations that pertain to their areas of expertise to help ensure efficient communication and action as needed. In that vein, the Championships Committee has been assigned the recommendations regarding the championships program in Division I, including a potential governance model that appoints oversight committees by sport; a bracketing approach that provides a 25% access ratio for team sports sponsored by more than 200 institutions and seeds at least 50% of the championship bracket; and elevated travel experiences for championships participants that increases per diem and reimbursements for select expenses.

As it relates to governance models, the Division II Championships Committee noted that the gender equity report cited as positive the current structure in Division II that charges the Championships Committee with overseeing the entire Division II championships program and ensuring equity among like sports. As such, there is no immediate interest in overhauling that structure; however, it remains prudent to monitor discussions in Division I regarding the proposed sport oversight model.

- e. **Division II Implementation Committee referrals.**

- (1) **Championships structure.** The committee continued its discussion regarding the referral from the Implementation Committee based on a concept from the Implementation Committee's championships subcommittee to explore a championships structure that (1) sets 35 as a uniform minimum sponsorship requirement to establish/maintain a Division II championship in men's and women's sports (with a five-year grace period if a sport falls below the minimum), (2)

continues to offer the best access ratio among divisions (via a range from 4.5 to 6), and (3) grants automatic qualification (AQ) privileges to a championship once minimum sponsorship is reached (rather than rely on sport committee recommendation), unless AQs would comprise more than 75 percent of the bracket (which may result in a bracket expansion).

The committee discussed each of the components separately and took the following actions.

- **Sponsorship requirements.** The committee reaffirmed its support for the recommendation to change the current sponsorship requirements for establishing a championship (50 for men's sports and 40 for women's sports) to 35 for each gender to ensure equity and consistency and to provide the Division II membership with additional access to championship opportunities. However, the committee determined that the originally proposed five-year grace period for sports that fall below the 35 minimum should be adjusted to three years, which the committee believes is sufficient time for a given sport to recover should it fall below the minimum without unduly extending the grace period and tying up resources that could otherwise be devoted to championships in good standing and emerging sports that merit championship consideration. The committee noted that as with many other legislated requirements, a waiver process would exist should institutions/conferences want to appeal the grace period.
- **Access ratio range.** The committee reviewed additional materials regarding access ratio by sport and talked at length about the impact the proposed range would have across the board (see Attachment C). After discussion the committee agreed that the access ratio range, originally proposed as being from 4.5 to 6, be adjusted to 4.25 to 6 to further protect existing brackets in those sports sponsored by a large majority of the Division II membership while ensuring equitable use of funds across championships. The committee also expressed a preference that the access ratio component be policy rather than legislated to provide the committee the flexibility to adjust it more quickly as necessary in the future.
- **Automatic qualification.** The committee discussed AQ from a philosophical perspective and agreed that it is a distinguishing component of the Division II championships program that should be retained. As such, the committee reaffirmed its support for the AQ portion of the original recommendation, noting that AQ should be a defined benchmark rather than be left to a sport committee's discretion. The committee also noted that the earned access model in football may be contrary to the philosophy of providing guaranteed access for conferences to championships. The committee expressed interest in exploring a modified version that would automatically grant the highest ranked team in a conference access to the championship regardless of rank. This would avoid potential challenges at the conference level in determining a conference champion while

maintaining the core principle of access to the championship consistent with other sports.

Overall, the committee noted that while these concepts have been circulated at least informally within the Division II membership for almost a year and the committee has heard some initial feedback, the concepts have not been vetted enough at this point to craft a formal recommendation. Understanding the significance and impact of these proposals on the Division II membership and acknowledging that the committee has adjusted some of the components as cited above, the committee asked staff to seek feedback from sport committees, the Division II coaches connection groups, select Division II leadership groups (i.e., the Division II Athletics Directors Association and the Division II Conference Commissioners Association) and the Division II Management Council, which meets in April, on these revised recommendations with the intent of finalizing them during the Championships Committee's June meeting (which would meet the deadline for submitting legislative proposals for the 2024 Convention).

- (2) Minimums for sports sponsorship and championships selections.** The committee also discussed the Implementation Committee's referral to collaborate with the Division II Membership Committee to consider aligning minimum contest requirements for sport sponsorship and championship selection purposes to simplify the process and provide the membership additional flexibility without compromising the integrity of either requirement area. After reviewing input from the Membership Committee on sport-specific proposals, the Championships Committee took the action cited in Action Item 2-a above.
- (3) Legislation versus policy recommendation.** The committee continued its review of a draft staff provided initially and then revised based on committee feedback in November regarding which portions of Bylaws 18 and 31 related to championships should remain as bylaws or be moved to policy. After discussion, the committee agreed to support submitting this document to the Division II Management Council for formal consideration. (See Action Item 1-b, Attachment A.)
- (4) Regionalization Subcommittee update.** The committee received an update from its subcommittee established to review the referral that while keeping regionalization principles related to selections, consider changes to the division's championship model concerning regionalization bracketing policies with the goal of reducing first round conference matchups and maintaining fiscal responsibility. The subcommittee has begun reviewing previous brackets in select sports and testing different approaches to determine whether various models would achieve desired outcomes.

## **5. Division II championships budget.**

- a. Budget-to-actuals.** The committee reviewed the championships budget-to-actuals for fiscal year 2022-23 through January, noting that some of the expenses for fall sport championships have yet to be recorded.

**b. Division II long-range budget.** Staff led the committee through an educational summary of the Division II budget that included information about the allocations from the NCAA revenue distribution formula; the projected 10-year budget models through the end of the NCAA's current media rights agreement (through 2031-32); and budget guidelines and allocations for Division II championships (about 60 percent of the Division II budget is devoted to the championships program) approved in April 2022 by the Division II Planning and Finance Committee and Division II Presidents Council, including additional considerations for items related to gender equity and health and safety as well as general prioritization of championships items. Staff also noted the recent scale the Presidents Council approved to increase the travel budget by five percent annually and build the following increases into the triennial budget over the remainder of the media rights agreement period (fiscal years 2025, 2028 and 2031):

- \$10 increase in per diem.
- One percent increase for committee expenses.
- Three percent increase for game operations.
- \$1,050,000 increase for championships enhancements.

**c. Initial review of 2024-27 triennial budget requests.** The committee began its deliberations regarding requests for the 2024-27 budget cycle by reviewing both the general requests that apply to all sports (e.g., increases for per diem, officials fees, signage, honorariums, and mementos) as well as specific requests from Division II sport committees (see Attachment D). The Championships Committee heard presentations on all the requests before breaking into small groups to begin discussing how these requests might be prioritized, as cumulatively they exceed the amount allocated for the next triennium (about \$2.8 million compared to the approximately \$1 million allocated). The committee's initial discussions focused on continuing the division's focus on gender equity as well as championships access in line with the discussion in Item 4-e-1. The committee will revisit these requests and the initial discussion to prioritize them during the June meeting before finalizing recommendations during the September meeting for the Division II Management and Presidents Councils to formally consider in the fall.

*(Note: In its initial review the committee noted a request from the Division II Men's and Women's Golf Committees to purchase tee markers for the men's and women's golf championships. As that is a one-time purchase and not part of the base budget for the 2024-27 triennium, the committee authorized the golf committees to make that acquisition.)*

## **6. Sport reports and updates.**

- a. Men's and women's basketball.** The committee received reports from the January meetings of the Women's Basketball Committee and the joint Men's and Women's Basketball Committees as information only.
- b. Men's and women's cross country.** The committee received reports from the Cross Country Committee's December report as information only, noting the initial discussion of

a proposal from the coaches association to modify the cross country championship format. The sport committee will continue reviewing this proposal and has asked the coaches association for more detail on how the new format will affect at-large selections.

**c. Field hockey.**

- **Date formula in festival years.** The Championships Committee approved the Field Hockey Committee's request to revise the date formula in festival years (See Action Item 2-b).

**d. Football.** The committee received the report from the Football Committee's February meeting as information only, noting the following as items that are likely to come before the Championships Committee at a future meeting.

(1) **Bracket reseeding.** The Football Committee asked the Championships Committee for feedback on whether to continue its consideration of possibly reseeding the bracket at the quarterfinals instead of this now being done at the semifinals. Championships Committee members agreed that this concept is worth additional study.

(2) **Realignment.** The Football Committee also plans to consider a possible super region realignment for the 2025 season when Conference Carolinas begins sponsoring football. The Football Committee believes this may need to be decided no later than its 2024 annual meeting in order to submit a recommendation to the Championships Committee.

(3) **Nullification.** The Football Committee is considering a request to change the nullification procedures to allow communicating publicly as part of the press release following selections if nullification was involved, and to be able to inform their respective regional advisory committee members if nullification had to be implemented during selections. The Championships Committee agreed to discuss this further in June.

**e. Women's lacrosse.** The Championships Committee received an update on the joint men's and women's championships with Divisions I and III in 2025 and 2026. The Division I men's semifinals and championship game, the Divisions II and III men's championship games and the Division I women's championship game will be conducted at Gillette Stadium, while the Divisions II and III women's championship games will be held at nearby campus sites, which is causing some concern within the Divisions II and III women's lacrosse communities. In November, the six lacrosse committee chairs met to discuss opportunities and challenges associated with having all six championships conducted at the same site, during which several points were noted for continued conversation. The Divisions II and III committees have been asked to discuss interest in potentially conducting all six lacrosse championships at Gillette Stadium in 2025 and 2026 and answer the questions identified by February 28. That feedback will be shared with the Division I lacrosse committees to determine the viability of potential formats for the 2025 and 2026 championships.

f. **Men's and women's soccer.** The committee received reports from the January meetings of the Men's and Women's Soccer Committees as information only.

g. **Softball.**

- **Championship date formula.** The Championships Committee noted the request from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association to review the softball championship dates and consider adjusting all components of the formula (AQ deadline, selection date, regionals, super regionals and finals) to be conducted one week later to align with Divisions I and III softball and Division II baseball. The Championships Committee agreed to refer this matter to the Division II Softball Committee for further review and suggested that the sport committee also ask the National Fastpitch Coaches Association for input.

h. **Women's volleyball.** The committee received the report from the Women's Volleyball Committee's January meeting as information only.

## 7. **Additional discussion items.**

a. **Selection shows.** Per a previous request from the committee for more information on how selection shows are created, staff walked the committee through the process used to produce selection shows with the help of a third-party vendor. It was noted that the timing of the selection shows impacts when brackets must be submitted and that is a tight turnaround, which was previously raised when the committee previously discussed automatic qualification deadlines.

b. **Commercial streaming rights.** Staff also provided an update on commercial streaming rights and led the committee through a philosophical discussion on whether postseason contests should be accessible free of charge or behind a paywall. After discussion the committee was not inclined to make any immediate changes to the current policies, but members did ask staff to keep the committee apprised of the evolving streaming rights landscape as it relates to ongoing media rights negotiations so the committee can revisit this matter during its June meeting and adjust as necessary.

Staff also noted a pilot initiative this spring that will provide aggregate streaming from campus sites for the men's and women's lacrosse championships (rather than require viewers to toggle among campus websites to find video) to explore whether such packaging would be attractive in future broadcast rights negotiations. Championships Committee members expressed interest in reviewing the results of this initiative.

c. **Process for approving sport and rules committee appointments.** With the adoption of the revised governance structure at the January Convention, the committee was asked to consider making a legislative recommendation to permit the Championships Committee to be the final authority on sport and rules committee appointments. (See Action Item 1-a.)

- d. Misconduct penalties.** At the request of the Championships Committee's appeals subcommittee, the group reviewed the current misconduct legislation and policies and discussed whether any modifications are necessary, particularly related to fines and reprimands. The committee noted an increase in unwanted behaviors in recent years and acknowledged that the current system may not provide enough of a deterrent. However, the committee noted that it may not have enough information at this time to influence a recommendation. The committee also agreed that it would be unwise to recommend any changes in the middle of an academic year. Accordingly, the committee tabled this matter until June and asked staff to compile additional data/information that would help inform the committee's discussion as well as invite staff from the Office of Legal Affairs to the meeting.
  - e. Championship banquets.** The committee reviewed the status of banquets by sport related to timing during the championship schedule. While some sports are moving away from banquets in favor of tangible items, others have expressed a desire for flexibility to stage the banquet on the travel day to minimize schedule pressures on the practice and community engagement day. The Championships Committee was asked whether it wants to take a stance on when banquets should be held for consistency or allow that to be a sport committee decision. After discussion, the committee agreed that leaving the decision to the sport committees is appropriate.
  - f. KPI.** The committee revisited the issue of whether the KPI should be included as a selection criterion and noted support from the sport committees that could potentially use the KPI. After discussion, the committee recommended that sport committees review (but not use) the KPI alongside the current 2021-24 selection criteria for the 2023-24 season. The next three-year cycle for sport committees to determine their three optional selection criteria begins in 2024, so sport committees would need to affirm their desire to use the criterion for 2024-27 or replace it with another option in June 2024.
- 8. Staff updates.**
- a. Legal update.** Due to a schedule conflict, the committee will receive this update at a future meeting.
  - b. 2023 Convention update.** Staff updated the committee on actions the membership took at the business session, which included the adoption of 11 of the 12 legislative proposals.
  - c. Alcohol sales policy update.** Staff informed the committee that the alcohol sales policies for NCAA championship host sites have been adjusted to allow for the sale of beverages with an alcohol content of 15% or less to accommodate hard seltzer/cider beverages in addition to beer and wine.
  - d. Festival recap.** Staff provided an update from the fall festival in Seattle, which was the 12<sup>th</sup> festival conducted since the division instituted them in 2004. The next festival will be in 2024 for spring sports and conducted in Orlando.

**e. Governance.**

**(1) Summary of actions.** Staff reviewed highlights from the Division II Management Council's and Division II Presidents Council's January meetings.

**(2) Fall media update.** The committee will receive this update at a future meeting.

**9. Future meetings and videoconferences.**

- April 6, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- May 4, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- June 26-27, 2023 (meeting via videoconference; 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Eastern time each day).
- September 14-15, 2023 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).

*Committee Chair: Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference*  
*Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances*  
*Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances*  
*Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>Division II Championships Committee February 23-24, 2023, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.	
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University.	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul (via videoconference).	
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.	
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Thomas Webb Jr., Western New Mexico University.	
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University of Pennsylvania (Management Council vice chair).	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor (via videoconference).	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.	
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.	
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs.	

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**

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Legislative Cite	Title	Recommendation	Revisions/Notes
18	Championships and Postseason Football	Legislation	New Title to eliminate "and Postseason Football"
18.01	General Principles.	Legislation	
18.01.1	Purpose of NCAA Championships.	Legislation	
18.01.2	Postseason Competition Not Sponsored by a Collegiate Entity.	Eliminate	
18.02	Definitions and Applications.	Legislation	
18.02.1	Championships.	Legislation	
18.02.1.1	National Collegiate Championship.	Legislation	
18.02.1.2	Division Championship.	Legislation	
18.02.2	Mixed Team.	Legislation	
18.02.3	Open Date.	Eliminate	
18.02.4	Postseason Football Bowl Game.	Eliminate	
18.1	Regulations and Authority for Conduct of Championships.	Legislation	
18.2	Criteria for Establishment or Continuation of Championships.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.01.2
18.2.1	National Collegiate Championship.	Policy	
18.2.2	Division Championship.	Policy	
18.2.3	Championships Existing During 1993-94.	Policy	
18.2.3.1	National Collegiate and Division Championship in Same Sport.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.5.2.4
18.2.4	Minimum Sponsorship for Championships.	Legislation	New Bylaws 18.4.1 and 18.5.2
18.2.4.1	Men's Sports.	Legislation	New Bylaws 18.4.1.1 and 18.5.2.1
18.2.4.2	Women's Sports.	Legislation	New Bylaws 18.4.1.2 and 18.5.2.2
18.2.4.3	Sponsorship Criteria.	Policy	
18.2.4.3.1	Minimum Period.	Policy	
18.2.4.3.2	National Collegiate and Division Championship in Same Sport.	Eliminate	Duplicative
18.2.5	Establishment of Single Championship in Sport.	Policy	
18.2.6	Establishment of Three Championships in Sport.	Policy	
18.2.7	Establishment of Two Championships in Sport.	Policy	
18.2.8	Determination of Sponsorship Requirements.	Policy	
18.2.8.1	Single-Gender Athletics Programs.	Policy	
18.2.8.2	Separate Men's and Women's Teams, Same Sport.	Policy	
18.2.8.3	Mixed Team.	Policy	
18.2.9	Subdivision Requirements.	Eliminate	Policy in the future, if subdivisions are created
18.2.10	Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements.	Legislation	New Bylaws 18.4.1.3 and 18.5.2.3
18.2.10.1	Exception -- Olympic Sports.	Legislation	New Bylaws 18.4.1.3.1 and 18.5.2.3.1
18.2.10.2	Exception -- Men's and Women's Lacrosse.	Legislation	New Bylaws 18.4.1.3.2 and 18.5.2.3.2
18.3	Current Championships.	Legislation	
18.3.1	National Collegiate Championships (11).	Legislation	
18.3.2	NCAA Division II Championships (25).	Legislation	
18.4	Eligibility for Championships.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2
18.4.1	Student-Athlete Eligibility.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2.1
18.4.1.1	Institution's Responsibility.	Eliminate	Duplicative with 14.12.1
18.4.1.2	Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Authority.	Eliminate	Duplicative with 14.13
18.4.1.3	Protest of Eligibility Status.	Legislation	Move to Bylaw 14.13
18.4.1.4	Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2
18.4.1.4.1	Penalty -- Banned Drug Classes Other Than Cannabinoids and Narcotics	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.2
18.4.1.4.1.1	Second Positive Test.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.2.1

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18.4.1.4.2	Penalty -- Narcotics.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.3
18.4.1.4.2.1	Second Positive Test.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.3.1
18.4.1.2.3	Penalty -- Cannabinoids	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.4
18.4.1.4.3.1	Second Positive Test.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.4.1
18.4.1.4.3.1.1	Failure to Attest.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.4.1.1
18.4.1.4.3.2	Third Positive Test and Beyond.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.4.2
18.4.1.4.3.2.1	Failure to Attest.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.4.2.1
18.4.1.4.3	Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.4
18.4.1.4.3.1	Tampering With a Drug-Test Sample.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.4.1
18.4.1.4.4	Transfers.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.5
18.4.1.4.5	Appeals.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.6
18.4.1.4.6	Banned Drugs and Drug-Testing Methods.	Eliminate	Duplicative with current Bylaw 31.2.3
18.4.1.4.7	Non-NCAA Athletics Organization's Positive Drug Test.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.7
18.4.2	Institutional Eligibility.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.1.2, as amended below, keeping only sports sponsorship form requirement.
18.4.2.1	General Institutional Requirements.	Various	Legislate institution must be in good standing. Referred to Membership Committee to determine what requirements are (eliminate b-g). (H) governed by Bylaw 14
18.4.2.1.1	Certification of Compliance -- Requirements.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.1.1.1	NCAA Rules Review.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.1.1.2	Attestation of Compliance Obligations.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.1.1.3	Coaching Staff Disciplinary Actions.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.1.1.3.1	Period of Suspension or Prohibition.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.1.1.3.2	Due-Process Requirement.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.1.1.4	Certification of Policies, Procedures and Practices.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.1.1.5	Maintenance of Compliance.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.1.2	Additional Requirements.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.1.3	Petitioning for Division I Classification.	Eliminate	Division I establishes requirements

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18.4.2.2	Championships.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.2.1	Admissions and Graduation-Rate Disclosure.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.4.2.2.2	Exemption From Maximum Awards Limitation.	Legislation	Referred to Membership Committee to review and establish necessary legislation/policy as general condition of membership, including potential financial penalties, in Bylaw 7
18.5	Automatic Qualification by Conference.	Eliminate	Merge with 31.3
18.5.1	Division Championship.	Eliminate	Merge with 31.4
18.5.2	National Collegiate Championship.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.3.4.1
18.6	Playing Rules for Championships.	Legislation	Consider moving to policy after A-wide plan is established

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1	Legislative Cite	Title	Recommendation	Revisions/Notes
2	31	Executive Regulations	Eliminate	
3	31.01	General Principles.	Policy	
4	31.01.1	Names of Championships.	Policy	
5	31.01.2	Postseason Championship Opportunities.	Policy	
6	31.01.3	Size of Championships Fields.	Policy	
7	31.01.4	Economy of Operation.	Policy	
8	31.02	Definitions and Applications.	Policy	
9	31.02.1	Automatic Qualification.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.02.1
10	31.02.2	Championships Classification and Terminology.	Policy	
11	31.02.2.1	Team Championships.	Policy	
12	31.02.2.2	Individual-Team Championships.	Policy	
13	31.02.3	Misconduct.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.02.2
14	31.02.4	Nullification.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.02.3
15	31.1	Administration of NCAA Championships.	Policy	
16	31.1.1	Authority of Championships and Sports Committees.	Policy	
17	31.1.1.1	Appeal of Decisions of Sports Committees.	Policy	
18	31.1.1.2	Appeal of Nullification Decisions of Championships Committee.	Policy	
19	31.1.1.3	Waivers.	Policy	
20	31.1.2	Games Committee.	Policy	Clarify that games committee is campus operations
21	31.1.3	Sites and Dates.	Policy	
22	31.1.3.1	Championships Committee Approval.	Policy	
23	31.1.3.2	Site Selection.	Policy	
24	31.1.3.2.1	Criteria for Regional Site Determination.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.4.2.1. Move specific criteria is policy.
25	31.1.3.2.1.1	Team Championships Pairings.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.4.3.1
26	31.1.3.2.2	Criteria for National Championship Site Determination.	Policy	
27	31.1.3.2.3	Nonpredetermined Site.	Policy	
28	31.1.3.2.4	On-Campus Versus Off-Campus Sites.	Policy	
29	31.1.3.2.5	Reconsideration of Host Institution.	Policy	
30	31.1.3.3	Concluding Dates.	Policy	
31	31.1.4	Day of Competition.	Policy	
32	31.1.4.1	Institutional Policy.	Policy	
33	31.1.4.2	Individual Championships.	Policy	
34	31.1.4.3	Rescheduling, Emergency or Competitive Development.	Policy	
35	31.1.4.4	Noon Start Time.	Policy	
36	31.1.4.4.1	Exception.	Policy	
37	31.1.4.4.2	Exception -- Women's Rowing Championship.	Policy	

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38	31.1.4.4.3	Exception -- Men's and Women's Fencing Championships.	Policy	
39	31.1.5	Squad Limits.	Policy	
40	31.1.6	Playing Rules.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.6
41	31.1.6.1	Non-NCAA Rules, Men's Sports.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.6.1
42	31.1.6.2	Non-NCAA Rules, Women's Sports.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.6.2
43	31.1.6.3	Modifications to Non-NCAA Rules - Consistency Among Divisions.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.6.3
44	31.1.7	Medical Disqualification.	Eliminate	Institutional discretion
45	31.1.8	Misconduct.	Policy	
46	31.1.8.1	Hearing Opportunity.	Policy	
47	31.1.8.2	Misconduct Incident to Competition.	Policy	
48	31.1.8.3	Penalty for Misconduct.	Policy	
49	31.1.8.4	Ban From Future Championship.	Policy	
50	31.1.8.5	Review of Action.	Policy	
51	31.1.9	Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures.	Policy	
52	31.1.9.1	Financial Penalties.	Policy	
53	31.1.9.2	Late-Entry Fines.	Policy	
54	31.1.10	Awards.	Policy	
55	31.1.10.1	Additional Awards.	Policy	
56	31.1.10.2	Other Permissible Awards.	Policy	
57	31.1.11	Admission and Tickets.	Policy	
58	31.1.12	Availability of Alcoholic Beverages.	Eliminate	Eliminated by adoption of Proposal No. 2023-5, eff. 8/1/23
59	31.1.12.1	Exception - Men's Lacrosse Joint Championship.	Eliminate	Eliminated by adoption of Proposal No. 2023-5, eff. 8/1/23
60	31.2	Eligibility for Championships.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2
61	31.2.1	Institutional Eligibility.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2.2, as amended, keeping only sports sponsorship form requirement. Membership Committee to review and establish necessary Bylaw 7 legislation/policy as general condition of membership.
62	31.2.1.1	Commitment to Participate.	Eliminate	
63	31.2.1.2	Deadline.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2.2.1
64	31.2.1.2.1	Compliance With Deadline.	Eliminate	
65	31.2.1.3	Deadline Waivers.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2.2.2
66	31.2.1.3.1	Penalty for Deadline Waiver.	Eliminate	Add to fine structure
67	31.2.1.4	Joint-Declaration Program.	Policy	May not be needed at all
68	31.2.1.5	National Collegiate Championships.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.5.1
69	31.2.1.6	Division Championships.	Policy	
70	31.2.1.7	Notification of Ineligibility.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2.1.1
71	31.2.1.7.1	Failure to Report Ineligible Player Prior to Selection.	Policy	

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72	31.2.1.7.2	Discovery of Ineligibility of Player Following Selection.	Policy	
73	31.2.1.7.3	Review of Violation of Terms of Availability Questionnaire.	Policy	
74	31.2.1.7.4	Protest Regarding Eligibility of Team.	Policy	
75	31.2.2	Student-Athlete Eligibility.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2.1
76	31.2.2.1	Eligibility Requirements.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2.1.1
77	31.2.2.2	Conference Eligibility.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2.1
78	31.2.2.3	Protest of Eligibility Status.	Legislation	Move to Bylaw 14.13
79	31.2.2.4	Participation While Ineligible.	Eliminate	Covered by Bylaw 19.12.4-f and g, eff. 8/1/23
80	31.2.2.5	Institutional Penalty for Ineligible Participation.	Eliminate	Covered by Bylaw 19.12.4-f and g, eff. 8/1/23
81	31.2.3	Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs.	Eliminate	Duplicative
82	31.2.3.1	Banned Drugs.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2
83	31.2.3.1.1	Drugs and Procedures Subject to Restrictions.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.1
84	31.2.3.1.2	Positive Drug Test -- Non-NCAA Athletics Organization.	Eliminate	Duplicative
85	31.2.3.2	Medical Exceptions.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.8
86	31.2.3.3	Methods for Drug Testing.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.9
87	31.2.3.4	Events Identified for Drug Tests.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.10
88	31.2.3.5	Individual Eligibility -- Team Sanctions.	Legislation	Referred to CSMAS to discuss moving to policy; New Bylaw 18.2.1.2.11
89	31.3	Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships Participation.	Policy	
90	31.3.1	Size of Championships Fields.	Policy	
91	31.3.2	Selection Decisions of Sports Committees.	Policy	
92	31.3.3	Criteria for Selection of Participants.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.4.3.1
93	31.3.3.1	Criteria for Selection in Team Sports.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.4.3.2
94	31.3.3.1.1	Countable Competition.	Policy	
95	31.3.3.2	Qualifying Standards in Individual and Team Sports.	Policy	
96	31.3.3.3	Unavailable Players on Team.	Policy	
97	31.3.3.4	Nullification(s) When a Student-Athlete Participates in Competition While Ineligible for Use of Banned Drugs.	Policy	
98	31.3.3.5	Committee Member Participation in Selection Process.	Policy	
99	31.3.3.5.1	Waiver Opportunity.	Eliminate	No waiver process should be available
100	31.3.3.5.1.1	First Waiver.	Eliminate	

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101	31.3.3.5.1.2	After Waivers.	Eliminate	
102	31.3.3.6	Exclusion of Institution Reclassifying From Division II to Division I.	Policy	Potential membership legislation
103	31.3.4	Automatic Qualification.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.2.3.3
104	31.3.4.1	Requirements -- Division Championship.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.4.3.2.1, as amended. C and d as policy, all others eliminated. Conferences to determine process.
105	31.3.4.2	Requirements -- National Collegiate Championship.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.5.3.1
106	31.3.4.3	Notification, Automatic Qualification in Jeopardy.	Policy	
107	31.3.4.4	Exception -- Multisport Conference.	Policy	
108	31.3.4.5	Grace Period.	Policy	
109	31.3.4.6	Sport Groupings for Automatic Qualification.	Policy	
110	31.3.4.7	Limitation on Automatic-Qualifying Positions.	Legislation	New Bylaws 18.4.3.2.2 and 18.5.3.1.1
111	31.3.4.8	Waiver -- Five-Year Waiting Period.	Policy	
112	31.3.4.9	Waiver -- Minimum Number of Members in a Conference.	Policy	
113	31.3.5	Earned Access -- Football.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.4.3.3
114	31.3.5.1	Requirements.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.4.3.3, as amended to align with AQ reqs
115	31.3.5.2	Grace Period.	Policy	
116	31.3.6	Selection of Balance of Championship Field.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.4.3.4
117	31.3.7	Institution Trademarks.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.5.4
118	31.4	Financial Administration of Championships.	Policy	
119	31.4.1	Host Institution's Responsibility.	Legislation	New Bylaw 18.4.2.2
120	31.4.1.1	Institution's Financial Report.	Policy	
121	31.4.1.1.1	Exclusions.	Policy	
122	31.4.2	Gross Receipts.	Policy	
123	31.4.2.1	Exclusions.	Policy	
124	31.4.2.2	Waiver.	Policy	
125	31.4.3	Game Expenses.	Policy	
126	31.4.3.1	Exclusions.	Policy	
127	31.4.3.2	Waiver.	Policy	
128	31.4.4	Institutional Allowance.	Policy	
129	31.4.4.1	Permissible Allowances.	Policy	
130	31.4.4.2	Restrictions.	Policy	
131	31.4.5	Administrative Expenses.	Policy	
132	31.4.6	Transportation and Per Diem Expenses.	Policy	
133	31.4.7	Net Receipts.	Policy	
134	31.4.8	Distribution of Forfeited Receipts.	Policy	
135	31.4.9	Publication of Championships Financial Summaries.	Policy	
136	31.6	Rights to NCAA Properties and Marketing Restrictions.	Legislation	Keep 31.6 through 31.9 legislated for now to align with DI/DIII

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137	31.6.1	Names and Marks.	Legislation	
138	31.6.2	Concessions.	Legislation	31.6.2-e eliminated by Proposal No. 2023-5, eff. 8/1/23
139	31.6.3	Programs.	Legislation	
140	31.6.4	Championships Properties.	Legislation	
141	31.6.4.1	Awarding Media Rights.	Legislation	
142	31.6.4.1.1	Procedures.	Legislation	
143	31.6.4.2	Marketing, Licensing, Promotional and Public Affairs Initiatives.	Legislation	
144	31.6.4.3	Photographs, Films and Videotapes.	Legislation	
145	31.6.4.4	Use of Action Footage on Television News Programs.	Legislation	
146	31.6.4.4.1	News Program.	Legislation	
147	31.6.4.5	Live Microphone on Coach.	Legislation	
148	31.6.4.6	Promotional Announcements for Professional Sports Contests.	Legislation	
149	31.7	General Financial Management.	Legislation	
150	31.7.1	General Operating Budget.	Legislation	
151	31.7.2	Committee and Delegate Finances.	Legislation	
152	31.7.2.1	Allowable Expenses, Committee Members.	Legislation	
153	31.7.2.1.1	Transportation Allowances.	Legislation	
154	31.7.2.1.1.1	Travel to Competition Site.	Legislation	
155	31.7.2.1.2	Per Diem Allowance.	Legislation	
156	31.7.2.1.3	Actual Expenses.	Legislation	
157	31.7.2.1.4	Meeting Frequency.	Legislation	
158	31.7.2.1.5	Meeting Site.	Legislation	
159	31.7.2.1.6	Special Committees.	Legislation	
160	31.7.2.1.7	Sports Committees.	Legislation	
161	31.7.2.1.8	Expense Allowance for Conventions.	Legislation	
162	31.7.2.1.9	Approval of Payments.	Legislation	
163	31.7.2.1.10	Waivers.	Legislation	
164	31.7.2.2	Allowable Delegate Expenses.	Legislation	
165	31.7.2.2.1	Meetings of Other Organizations.	Legislation	
166	31.7.2.2.2	Games Committees for International Competition.	Legislation	
167	31.7.2.2.3	Governing Boards of Other Organizations.	Legislation	
168	31.7.2.3	Prohibition Against Funding Olympics and Paralympics.	Legislation	
169	31.7.3	Defense and Indemnification.	Legislation	
170	31.7.3.1	Conditions for Defense and Indemnification.	Legislation	
171	31.7.3.1.1	Determination Regarding Conditions for Defense and Indemnification.	Legislation	

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172	31.7.3.1.2	Definition of Committee.	Legislation	
173	31.7.3.1.3	Termination of Action or Proceeding.	Legislation	
174	31.7.3.2	Insurance.	Legislation	
175	31.7.3.3	Definition of Indemnification.	Legislation	
176	31.7.4	Insurance.	Legislation	
177	31.7.4.1	Primary Liability.	Legislation	
178	31.7.4.2	Excess Liability.	Legislation	
179	31.7.4.3	Injury, Death and Dismemberment.	Legislation	
180	31.8	Personnel.	Legislation	
181	31.8.1	Employment.	Legislation	
182	31.8.1.1	Affirmative Action.	Legislation	
183	31.8.2	Staff Operations.	Legislation	
184	31.8.2.1	Employee Compensation and Benefits.	Legislation	
185	31.8.2.2	Pension Trust Plan.	Legislation	
186	31.9	National Statistics Program.	Legislation	Eliminate Management Council approval

## **Bylaw 7 – Division II Membership and Institutional Control**

[Items removed from Bylaws 18 and 31 relating to membership requirements and referred to the Division II Membership Committee. See Excel document for additional detail.]

## **Bylaw 18 – Championships Administration**

### **18.01 General Principles**

**18.01.1 Purpose of NCAA Championships.** NCAA championships are intended to provide national-level competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions, with consideration also for approved regional structures for certain championships.

**18.01.2 Criteria for Establishment or Continuation of Championships.** The establishment or continuation of a National Collegiate Championship or a Division II Championship in a given sport shall be determined on the basis of the requirements in the following bylaws, with sponsorship of a sport based on the Association's records as of September 30 each year (see Bylaws 18.4.1 and 18.5.2).

### **18.02 Definitions and Applications.**

**18.02.1 Automatic Qualification.** Automatic qualification is the automatic entry into a championship field by a team or individual student-athletes representing a member conference recommended by the appropriate sports committee and approved by the Championships Committee.

### **18.02.2 Championships.**

**18.02.2.1 National Collegiate Championship.** A National Collegiate Championship for a particular sport is postseason competition conducted by the Association for eligible student-athletes and teams of active member institutions to determine the NCAA champion in that sport for all divisions that do not have a separate division championship in that sport. A National Collegiate Championship is established or continued in accordance with the criteria set forth in Bylaws 18.5.2.

**18.02.2.2 Division Championship.** A division championship for a particular sport is postseason competition conducted by the Association for eligible student-athletes or teams of active member institutions to determine the division champion in that sport. A division championship is established or continued in accordance with the criteria set forth in Bylaws 18.4.1.

**18.02.3 Mixed Team.** A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes. (Revised: 1/11/94)

**18.02.4 Misconduct.** Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. (Revised: 8/15/89, 8/13/92, 10/30/08)

**18.02.5 Nullification.** Nullification is a penalty imposed on an institution by the Championships Committee for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to compete in intercollegiate competition. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

**18.1 Regulations and Authority for Conduct of Championships.** All NCAA championships shall be conducted in accordance with this bylaw and the policies and procedures established by the Championships Committee, the Management Council, the Presidents Council and/or the Board of Governors, which shall establish and revise the policies and procedures governing the administration of NCAA championships, including selection processes, formats and distribution of revenues to participating institutions. NCAA championships shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the appropriate sports committees, subject to the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed in Bylaw 31. (Revised: 1/10/91, 10/17/07, 1/26/15)

## **18.2 Eligibility for Championships.**

**18.2.1 Student-Athlete Eligibility.** To be eligible for NCAA championships, a student-athlete shall meet all applicable individual-eligibility requirements set forth in NCAA legislation. The general and academic eligibility requirements are set forth in detail in Bylaw 14. An institution that holds membership in a member conference may not enter teams or individuals in an NCAA championship unless they are eligible for such competition under the rules of that conference.

**18.2.1.1 Notification of Ineligibility.** An institution shall advise the NCAA championships staff if a student-athlete who has participated in regular-season competition becomes ineligible before the date on which the governing sports committee selects championship participants, as indicated in the appropriate championships handbook. (Revised: 5/1/92, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

**18.2.1.2 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs.** A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in this bylaw. (Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 4/22/14, 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14, 6/10/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

**18.2.1.2.1 Banned Drugs.** The following is the list of banned-drug classes, which aligns with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) list of prohibited classes, with the exception of the glucocorticoid class. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee) has the authority to identify banned drugs within each class. The institution and student-athletes shall be held accountable for all drugs within the banned-drug classes regardless of whether they have specifically identified. (Revised: 1/10/05, 2/10/06, 5/28/15, 3/30/16, 10/16/18 effective 8/1/19)

(a) Stimulants;

(b) Anabolic agents;

(c) Alcohol and beta blockers (banned for rifle only); (Revised: 4/28/09)

- (d) Diuretics and other masking agents; (Revised: 6/14/07)
- (e) Cannabinoids (marijuana and THC); (Revised: 1/5/07, 1/9/17, 10/16/18 effective 8/1/19)
- (f) Peptide hormones and analogues; (Revised: 1/5/07)
- (g) Hormone and metabolic modulators; (Adopted: 1/5/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 10/16/18 effective 8/1/19)
- (h) Beta-2 agonists; and (Adopted: 4/28/09, Revised: 10/16/18 effective 8/1/19)
- (i) Narcotics. (Adopted: 10/16/18 effective 8/1/19)

**18.2.1.2.1.1 Drugs and Procedures Subject to Restrictions.** The use of the following drugs and/or procedures is subject to certain restrictions and may or may not be permissible, depending on limitations expressed in these provisions and/or quantities of these substances used: (Revised: 8/15/89, 12/9/91, 5/4/92, 6/17/92, 8/13/93, 7/22/97, 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

(a) **Blood Doping.** The practice of blood doping (the intravenous injection of whole blood, packed red blood cells or blood substitutes) is prohibited, and any evidence confirming use will be cause for action consistent with that taken for a positive drug test.

(b) **Gene Doping.** The practice of gene doping (the non-therapeutic use of cells, genes, genetics elements or of the modulation of gene expression, having the capacity to improve athletic performance) is prohibited, and any evidence confirming use will be cause for action consistent with that taken for a positive drug test.

(c) **Local Anesthetics.** The Board of Governors will permit the limited use of local anesthetics under the following conditions:

(1) That procaine, xylocaine, carboncaine or any other local anesthetic may be used, but not cocaine;

(2) That only local or topical injections can be used (intravenous injections are not permitted); and

(3) That use is medically justified only when permitting the student-athlete to continue the competition without potential risk to the student-athlete's health.

(d) **Manipulation of Urine Samples.** The Board of Governors bans the use of substances and methods (e.g., diuretics, probenecid, bromantan or related compounds, epitestosterone) that alter the integrity and/or validity of urine samples provided during NCAA drug testing.

(e) **Beta 2 Agonists.** The use of beta 2 agonists is permitted by inhalation only.

(f) **Additional Analysis.** Drug screening for select nonbanned substances may be conducted for nonpunitive purposes.

**18.2.1.2.2 Penalty -- Banned Drug Classes Other Than Cannabinoids or Narcotics.** A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be subject to the following: (Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 11/1/07, 4/10/14, 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14 for tests occurring on or after 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 1/17/15, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16 for all drug tests administered on or after 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19)

(a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until the student-athlete has been withheld from the equivalent of one season (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may fulfill a transfer residence requirement and a drug-testing penalty concurrently if the student-athlete meets all other eligibility requirements;

(b) A student-athlete who tests positive during a year in which the student-athlete did not use a season of competition shall be charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports. A student-athlete who tests positive during a year in which the student-athlete used a season of competition shall be charged with the loss of one additional season of competition in all sports (in addition to the season used) unless the student-athlete uses a season of competition in the academic year immediately after the positive test; and

(c) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for 365 consecutive days after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug-test specimen and until the student-athlete tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

**18.2.1.2.2.1 Second Positive Test.** If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics, the student-athlete shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug

class cannabinoids, the student-athlete shall engage, with the institution, in an education and management plan for substance misuse (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address the substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions) as developed and facilitated by the institution. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics, the student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition for 50 percent of a season in all sports (the first 50 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution is notified of the test result until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and the student-athlete tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program. (Adopted: 6/10/16, Revised: 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19, 8/5/19, 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)

**18.2.1.2.3 Penalty -- Narcotics.** A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season in all sports (50 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution is notified of the test result until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and the student-athlete tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program. (Adopted: 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14, Revised: 10/30/14, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 11/18/16, 4/14/17, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19, 8/5/19, 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)

**18.2.1.2.3.1 Second Positive Test.** If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive a second time for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics or if a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics, the student-athlete shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaw 18.2.1.2.2. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the student-athlete shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaw 18.2.1.2.4. (Adopted: 6/10/16, Revised: 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19, 8/5/19, 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)

**18.2.1.2.4 Penalty -- Cannabinoids.** A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall engage, with the institution, in an education and management plan for substance misuse (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address the substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions) as developed or facilitated by the institution. (Adopted: 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)

**18.2.1.2.4.1 Second Positive Test.** If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the institution must attest that the student-athlete was compliant with the education and management plan required following the student-athlete's first positive test, as specified by the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program, and has agreed to continue to engage in an education and management plan for substance misuse (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions) as developed or facilitated by the institution and designed to mitigate any identified at-risk behavior. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics or tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics, the student-athlete shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws 18.2.1.2.2 or 18.2.1.2.3, respectively. (Adopted: 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)

**18.2.1.2.4.1.1 Failure to Attest.** If an institution cannot or does not attest, the student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition during 25 percent of a season in all sports (25 percent of the NCAA Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). (Adopted: 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)

**18.2.1.2.4.2 Third Positive Test and Beyond.** If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive a third time or more for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the institution must attest that the student-athlete was compliant with the education and management plan required following the student-athlete's first positive test, as specified by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports' policies and procedures, and has agreed to continue to engage in an education and management plan for substance

misuse as developed or facilitated by their institution and designed to mitigate any identified at-risk behavior (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions). If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for use of a substance other than cannabinoids (substance in a banned drug classes other than cannabinoids or narcotics, substance in the banned drug class narcotics), they shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws 18.2.1.2.2 or 18.2.1.2.3. (Adopted: 6/3/22 effective 8/1/22 August 1, 2022, for penalties served August 1, 2022, or later.)

**18.2.1.2.4.2.1 Failure to Attest.** If the institution cannot or does not attest, the student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season in all sports (50 percent of the NCAA Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). (Adopted: 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)

**18.2.1.2.4 Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol.** A student-athlete who is in breach of the NCAA drug-testing program protocol (e.g., no-show) shall be considered to have tested positive for use of any drug in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics. (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

**18.2.1.2.4.1 Tampering with Drug-Test Sample.** A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug-test sample (e.g., urine substitution and related methods), as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall be subject to the following: (Adopted: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 6/19/12, 10/30/14, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 10/3/18, 4/19/19)

(a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until the student-athlete has been withheld from the equivalent of two seasons (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may fulfill a transfer residence requirement and a drug-testing penalty concurrently if the student-athlete meets all other eligibility requirements;

(b) A student-athlete who is involved in tampering during a year in which the student-athlete did not use a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of two seasons of competition in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in tampering during a year in which the student-athlete used a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of two

additional seasons of competition in all sports (in addition to the season used) unless the student-athlete uses a season of competition in one of the next two academic years. If the student-athlete uses a season of competition in one of the next two academic years, the student-athlete will only be charged one additional season of competition in all sports (in addition to the seasons used); and

(c) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for 730 consecutive days after the student-athlete was involved in tampering and until the student-athlete tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

**18.2.1.2.5 Transfers.** If the student-athlete transfers to another NCAA institution while ineligible, the institution from which the student-athlete transferred must notify the student-athlete's new institution that the student-athlete is ineligible. If the student-athlete transfers to a non-NCAA institution while ineligible and competes in intercollegiate competition during the prescribed period of ineligibility: (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 5/29/15, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 4/19/19)

(a) The student-athlete remains ineligible for all NCAA regular-season and postseason competition until the student-athlete does not compete in intercollegiate competition for the entirety of the prescribed penalty (the total number of prescribed contests or dates of competition) while enrolled and otherwise eligible for competition at an NCAA institution;

(b) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for the applicable consecutive-day period (365 or 730) after the student-athlete's final non-NCAA competition; and

(c) The student-athlete remains ineligible until the student-athlete tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

**18.2.1.2.6 Appeals.** An institution may appeal a drug-testing penalty to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee), as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. The committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 4/15/21)

**18.2.1.2.7 Non-NCAA Athletics Organization's Positive Drug Test.** The Board of Governors shall authorize methods for drug testing any student-athlete who has disclosed in the student-athlete statement (see Bylaw 14.1.3.1) a positive drug test administered by a non-NCAA athletics organization that has adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code. A student-athlete under a drug-testing suspension from a national or international sports governing body that has adopted the WADA code shall not participate in NCAA intercollegiate competition

for the duration of the suspension. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/30/14, 6/19/17)

**18.2.1.2.8 Medical Exceptions.** Exceptions to the prohibition on use of any substance in a banned-drug class may be provided to a student-athlete, as specified in the policies and procedures of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. (Revised: 8/5/99, 9/26/06, 10/27/06 effective 8/1/07, 2/5/09, 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/12/22)

**18.2.1.2.9 Methods for Drug Testing.** The Board of Governors shall authorize methods for drug testing of student-athletes on a year-round basis. The methods and any later modifications authorized by the Board of Governors for drug testing of student-athletes shall be summarized and posted on the NCAA website. (Revised: 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

**18.2.1.2.10 Events Identified for Drug Tests.** The Board of Governors shall determine the regular-season and postseason competition for which drug tests shall be made and the procedures to be followed in disclosing its determinations. (Revised: 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

**18.2.1.2.11 Individual Eligibility -- Team Sanctions.** Regulations pertaining to team-eligibility sanctions for positive tests resulting from the NCAA drug-testing program shall apply only in the following situation: If a student-athlete is declared ineligible prior to an NCAA team championship or a postseason football game and the institution knowingly allows the student-athlete to participate, all team-ineligibility sanctions shall apply (the team shall be required to forfeit its awards and any revenue distribution it may have earned, and the team's and student-athlete's performances shall be deleted from NCAA records). (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

**18.2.2 Institutional Eligibility.** To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in NCAA championship competition the institution shall be an active member in good standing and list the sport on the NCAA sports sponsorship report by the established deadline for the applicable year (see Bylaw 18.2.2.1). An institution that holds membership in a member conference may not enter teams or individuals in an NCAA championship unless they are eligible for such competition under the rules of that conference as well as any additional requirements specified in the applicable pre-championship manual.

**18.2.2.1 Deadline.** Any additions to the sports sponsorship report must be met by the following dates:

- (a) September 15 for fall championships;
- (b) December 1 for winter championships; and
- (c) March 1 for spring championships.

**18.2.2.2 Deadline Waivers.** Institutions that fail to meet the deadline for additions to the sports sponsorship report may appeal to the Championships Committee for a waiver.

This waiver is available only in those instances when the institution officially sponsors the sport and fails to list the sport on the NCAA sports sponsorship report prior to the appropriate deadline. If the Championships Committee grants the appeal, then the institution's eligibility may be restored for NCAA championships.

**18.3 Current Championships.** The Association currently administers 90 national championships. There are 11 National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 28 Division III championships. (See Bylaw 9.3.10.1 for the voting requirements for the establishment of a new championship.) The current championships are as follows: (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 1/9/96, 1/14/02, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

**18.3.1 National Collegiate Championships (11).** [#] (Revised: 1/10/00, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

<b>Men (3)</b>	<b>Men and Women (3)</b>	<b>Women (5)</b>
Gymnastics	Fencing	Beach Volleyball
Volleyball (Divisions I and II)	Rifle	Bowling
Water Polo	Skiing	Gymnastics
		Ice Hockey (Divisions I and II)
		Water Polo

**18.3.2 NCAA Division II Championships (25).** (Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 1/7/00 effective 8/1/00, Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)

<b>Men (12)</b>	<b>Women (13)</b>
Baseball	Basketball
Basketball	Cross Country
Cross Country	Field Hockey
Football	Golf
Golf	Lacrosse
Lacrosse	Rowing
Soccer	Soccer
Swimming and Diving	Softball
Tennis	Swimming and Diving
Indoor Track and Field	Tennis
Outdoor Track and Field	Indoor Track and Field

Wrestling

Outdoor Track and Field

Volleyball

## **18.4 Administration of Division II Championships.**

### **18.4.1 Minimum Sponsorship for Division II Championships.**

**18.4.1.1 Men's Sports.** A Division II championship may be established in a men's sport if at least 50 institutions sponsor the sport. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 10/21/08)

**18.4.1.2 Women's Sports.** A Division II championship may be established in a women's sport if at least 40 institutions sponsor the sport. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, 1/13/03, 10/21/08)

**18.4.1.3 Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements.** A Division championship shall be discontinued automatically at the conclusion of the academic year in which it falls below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaws 18.4.1.1 or 18.4.1.2. (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)

**18.4.1.3.1 Exception -- Olympic Sports.** A Division II Championship in any Olympic sport shall be exempt from the minimum-sponsorship requirements of Bylaws 18.4.1.1 and 18.4.1.2. The membership may adopt specific legislation to discontinue the championship in an Olympic sport. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/5/06)

**18.4.1.3.2 Exception -- Men's and Women's Lacrosse.** A Division II Championship in the sports of men's and women's lacrosse shall be exempt from the minimum-sponsorship requirements of Bylaws 18.4.1.1 and 18.4.1.2. (Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/00)

### **18.4.2 Championship Site Selection.**

**18.4.2.1 Criteria for Regional Site Determination.** The top-seeded team, as determined by the governing sports committee, shall be provided the opportunity to host the regional competition, provided the specific criteria that have been developed by the Championships Committee and governing sports committee have been met.

**18.4.2.2 Host Institution's Responsibility.** The host institution shall administer the finances of an NCAA championship in accordance with championships policy and consistent with the institution's championship budget, as submitted to and approved by the governing sports committee and the Championships Committee.

### **18.4.3 Criteria for Selection of Participants.**

**18.4.3.1 Team Championships Pairings.** Sports committees shall pair teams strictly within their regions. (Adopted: 1/12/99 effective beginning with the 1999 championships)

**18.4.3.2 Criteria for Selection in Team Sports.** To be considered for championship selection, a team must satisfy all scheduling requirements as outlined by championships policy in that sport (e.g., minimum number of Division II or in-region contests). The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition: (Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/15)

(a) Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships; (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

(b) Nullification; (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

(c) **Required Selection Criteria.** Following confirmation of the availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships and the application of any nullification, the following required selection criteria shall be applied in no particular order: (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/15)

(1) In-region winning percentage; (Revised: 1/7/15)

(2) Division II winning percentage; (Revised: 1/7/15)

(3) Division II strength of schedule (opponents' average winning percentage and opponents' opponents' average winning percentage); (Revised: 1/7/15)

(4) Division II head-to-head competition; and

(5) Results versus Division II common opponents.

(d) **Sport-Specific Selection Criteria.** A governing sport committee may select not more than three additional sport specific selection criteria from a list approved by the Division II Championships Committee. (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/15)

**18.4.3.3 Automatic Qualification.** Each governing sports committee may recommend annually to the Championships Committee those multisport voting conferences that should receive one automatic qualification position for their teams into NCAA championships conducted in team sports, timed individual sports and other individual sports as identified in Bylaw 17.02.16. The decision of the Championships Committee shall be final.

**18.4.3.2.1 Requirements.** To be eligible for automatic qualification in any Division II championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements: (Revised: 1/9/06, 12/5/06)

(a) Been a multisport voting member conference of the Association for five consecutive academic years; and (Adopted: 6/4/12, Revised: 1/29/20, 6/10/20)

(b) Have at least six active members that sponsor the sport at the varsity intercollegiate level in which automatic qualification is sought and that are eligible for the NCAA championship, and have had at least six active members that are eligible for the NCAA championship participate in the process that determines the automatic qualifier. Institutions that are affiliate members of a

conference in a particular sport may be used to satisfy the sponsorship requirement for automatic qualification in that sport. (Adopted: 6/4/12, Revised: 1/16/16 effective 8/1/17, 1/17/18, 7/17/18, 1/29/20)

**18.4.3.2 Limitation on Automatic-Qualifying Positions.** A member conference that satisfies the general requirements for automatic qualification is eligible for one automatic qualification per applicable sport. (Adopted: 7/26/11, Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/16/16 effective 8/1/17)

**18.4.3.3 Earned Access -- Football.** The Division II Football Committee shall award earned access to the NCAA Division II Football Championship to Division II football-playing conferences for which at least one member institution finishes no more than two spots lower than the super region bracket size in the final NCAA Division II football regional ranking. To be awarded earned access, the conference shall have a minimum of six active football-playing members. The earned access shall go to the conference's highest-ranked team in the final regional Top 10 poll. (Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 10/26/09, 1/11/12, 10/16/18)

**18.4.3.3.1 Requirements.** To be eligible for earned access to the football championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements: (Adopted: 10/30/13)

(a) Been a multisport voting member conference of the Association for five consecutive academic years; and

(b) Have at least six members that sponsor football at the varsity intercollegiate level that are eligible for the NCAA championship and have had at least six members that are eligible for the NCAA championship participate in the process that determines possible earned access. Institutions that are affiliate members of a Division II football-playing conference may be used to satisfy the sponsorship requirement for earned access in football. (Revised: 10/18/16 effective 8/1/17)

**18.4.3.4 Selection of Balance of Championship Field.** Once the official representative of each qualifying conference is determined, the governing sports committee responsible for selection of the balance of the championship field shall consider objectively and without prejudice the competitive records of all other eligible student-athletes and teams (including representatives of the other members of the conferences receiving automatic qualification). To the best of its ability, the committee shall select the most highly qualified individuals and teams to complete the championship field in accordance with the regional structure, if any, approved for the particular championship.

**18.4.3.4.1 Criteria for Selection in Team Sports.** To be considered for championship selection, a team must satisfy all scheduling requirements as outlined by championships policy in that sport (e.g., minimum number of Division II or in-region contests). The Championships Committee policy shall establish criteria that shall be employed by all governing sports committees in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition.

## **18.5 National Collegiate Championships.**

**18.5.1 National Collegiate Championship.** A National Collegiate Championship for which any active member in good standing is eligible (per Bylaw 7.3.2) may be established by action of all three divisions acting through each division's governance structure, subject to the requirements, standards and conditions regarding the required number of members sponsoring the sport as prescribed in this bylaw. (Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

### **18.5.2 Minimum Sponsorship for National Collegiate Championships.**

**18.5.2.1 Men's Sports.** A National Collegiate Championship may be established in a men's sport if at least 50 institutions sponsor the sport. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 10/21/08)

**18.5.2.2 Women's Sports.** A National Collegiate Championship may be established in a women's sport if at least 40 institutions sponsor the sport. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, 1/13/03, 10/21/08)

**18.5.2.3 Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements.** A championship shall be discontinued automatically at the conclusion of the academic year in which it falls below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaws 18.5.2.1 or 18.5.2.2. (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)

**18.5.2.3.1 Exception -- Olympic Sports.** A National Collegiate Championship in any Olympic sport shall be exempt from the minimum-sponsorship requirements of Bylaws 18.5.2.1 or 18.5.2.2. The membership may adopt specific legislation to discontinue the championship in an Olympic sport. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/5/06)

**18.5.2.3.2 Exception -- Men's and Women's Lacrosse.** A National Collegiate Championship in the sports of men's and women's lacrosse shall be exempt from the minimum-sponsorship requirements of Bylaws 18.5.2.1 or 18.5.2.2. (Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/00)

**18.5.2.4 National Collegiate and Division II Championship in Same Sport.** If a National Collegiate Championship and a Division II championship exist in the same sport, Division II sponsorship of the sport shall not count toward the minimum sponsorship number for the National Collegiate Championship. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)

### **18.5.3 Automatic Qualification.**

**18.5.3.1 National Collegiate Championship. [#]** To be eligible for automatic qualification into any National Collegiate Championship, a conference shall: (Adopted: 1/9/06)

- (a) Have at least six active members that sponsor the applicable sport in any division; and
- (b) Meet all applicable requirements for conference automatic qualification into any National Collegiate Championship as set forth in Bylaw 18.5.3.1.1.

**18.5.3.1.1 Requirements -- National Collegiate Championship.** [#] To be eligible for automatic qualification in a National Collegiate Championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements: (Adopted: 1/9/06)

- (a) Have at least six active members that sponsor the applicable sport in any division (Note: A provisional member in the process of becoming an NCAA member may not be used to meet the requisite number);
- (b) The six active members must have conducted conference competition together for the preceding two years in the applicable sport;
- (c) There shall be no waivers of the two-year waiting period; and
- (d) Any new member added to a conference that is eligible for an automatic bid shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier.

**18.5.3.1.2 Limitation on Automatic-Qualifying Positions.** A member conference that satisfies the general requirements for automatic qualification is eligible for one automatic qualification per applicable sport. (Adopted: 7/26/11, Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/16/16 effective 8/1/17)

**18.5.4 Institution Trademarks.** Participation in a National Collegiate Championship constitutes acquiescence by the member institution that the Association may use the institution's name, mascot and other identifying marks in championship-related activities, including television, promotion, licensing and merchandising programs incident to the championship. Revenues derived from such activities, less expenses, will be remitted to the member institution. (Revised: 11/3/93)

**18.6 Playing Rules for Championships.** In sports in which the Association maintains rules committees, the rules adopted by said committees shall govern the conduct of all NCAA-sponsored events in those sports.

**18.6.1 Non-NCAA Rules, Men's Sports.** In those men's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by modifications recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel: (Revised: 1/23/19)

- (a) Fencing -- U.S. Fencing Association Rules;
- (b) Golf -- U.S. Golf Association Rules;
- (c) Gymnastics -- International Gymnastics Federation Rules;
- (d) Rifle -- USA Shooting Rules; (Adopted: 5/2/11)
- (e) Skiing -- International Ski Federation and U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association Competition Guides; (Adopted: 5/2/19)
- (f) Tennis -- U.S. Tennis Association Rules; and

(g) Volleyball -- U.S. Volleyball Association Rules.

**18.6.2 Non-NCAA Rules, Women's Sports.** In those women's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by modifications recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel: (Revised: 1/23/19)

(a) Fencing -- U.S. Fencing Association Rules;

(b) Field Hockey -- International Field Hockey Rules;

(c) Golf -- U.S. Golf Association Rules;

(d) Gymnastics -- USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic and Paralympic Women's Code of Points (Level 10 Rules); (Revised: 9/11/15, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)

(e) Rifle -- USA Shooting Rules; (Adopted: 5/2/11)

(f) Rowing -- U.S. Rowing Rules; and (Adopted: 1/14/97)

(g) Skiing -- International Ski Federation and U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association Competition Guides; and (Adopted: 5/2/19)

(h) Tennis -- U.S. Tennis Association Rules.

**18.6.3 Modifications to Non-NCAA Rules - Consistency Among Divisions.** Rules modifications for sports in which the Association does not publish rules must be consistent among all three divisions. (Adopted: 1/23/19)

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### **31.6 Rights to NCAA Properties and Marketing Restrictions.**

**31.6.1 Names and Marks.** The NCAA owns or controls all rights and interests in its name, logo, seal, trademarks and service marks, whether registered or unregistered, including "National Collegiate Athletic Association," "NCAA," "National Collegiate Championships," "March Madness," "The Final Four," "Women's Final Four," "College World Series," "Women's College World Series" and "Stagg Bowl." The NCAA will prosecute infringement of identical or confusingly similar marks. The NCAA shall maintain control over the nature and quality of the goods and services rendered under the marks; therefore, no use of the marks by others will be permitted in advertising, in association with commercial services or related to the sale of merchandise without the specific approval of the NCAA. (Revised: 1/29/90, 6/14/16)

**31.6.2 Concessions.** The following conditions or restrictions apply to all concession items sold at any event sponsored or administered by the Association:

(a) Any merchandise or material bearing any name, logo, trademarks or service marks of the Association that is to be sold or distributed at an event sponsored or administered by the Association must have the prior approval of the president before being sold or distributed. No

such merchandise or material shall be sold or distributed by anyone except as designated by the NCAA. The host institution may sell merchandise that features an institutional mark or logo at NCAA competition only if it has guaranteed a sellout of the NCAA merchandise at the site of the competition and has agreed to provide the NCAA championship 25 percent of gross sales (after sales taxes) of all non-NCAA championship merchandise. The quantity of NCAA merchandise sent to the site shall have the prior approval of the NCAA president and shall not be less than a comparable shipment to a comparable site of the previous year's championship. (Revised: 12/4/89)

(b) The NCAA owns the rights to all concession items other than food or drink sold at such events. Any merchandise or material to be sold at such events must have prior approval of the NCAA president, and any unapproved material shall be barred from the premises. If the championship facility has prior contractual commitments with outside vendors, the NCAA will endeavor to work with such vendors to advance the policies of the Association in the sale of concession items as herein stated.

(c) The NCAA may authorize others, including the host institution or the coaches organization for the sport involved in the particular event, to sell and distribute concession items.

(d) Income payable to the NCAA from the sale of concession items other than food and drink at such events shall be included in the gross receipts of the championship.

**31.6.3 Programs.** The Association reserves the right to publish and sell any program sold or distributed for an NCAA championship. It may award such rights for any championship to another party or agency, provided it retains the right to review and approve the content of all programs to be sold or distributed, and provided it shall receive a guaranteed amount or predetermined percentage of program receipts. All financial arrangements for official programs produced by the host institution or sponsoring agency shall be reflected in the proposed budget, and receipts and expenses shall be entered in the financial report of the championship. If the program is produced and sold under contract between the NCAA and an outside agency, income from program advertising or sales shall not be included in the host institution's or sponsoring agency's financial report or percentage of net receipts.

**31.6.4 Championships Properties.** The Association owns all rights to each and all of its championships as listed in Bylaw 18.3. These rights include, in addition to the rights with respect to participation and admission, rights to television (live and delayed), radio broadcasting, filming and commercial photography. In addition, the NCAA reserves the right to sell items developed through the NCAA marketing program at the site of a championship.

**31.6.4.1 Awarding Media Rights.** Television, radio and film rights shall be awarded in such a manner as to advance most fully the following interests:

- (a) Gate attendance;
- (b) Promotion of interest in the sport;
- (c) Promotion of intercollegiate athletics as a part of collegiate education; and
- (d) Promotion of the Association and its purposes and fundamental policy.

**31.6.4.1.1 Procedures.** Specific policy decisions under the foregoing are determined by the governing sports committee for the particular championship, subject to the approval of the Championships Committee. Negotiations with respect to the awarding of any such rights shall be conducted by the NCAA president, who shall have authority to determine the specific terms and conditions and to execute contracts for the award of such rights on behalf of the Association. Inquiries concerning all such rights should be directed to the president at the national office. In accordance with the policies stated herein, the NCAA president shall negotiate with any party interested in such rights when they are available.

**31.6.4.2 Marketing, Licensing, Promotional and Public Affairs Initiatives.** The NCAA president shall be responsible for the oversight and administration of all marketing, licensing, promotions and public affairs initiatives. The NCAA president shall have the authority to appoint ad hoc advisory groups to provide assistance in developing policies to review any initiative and to provide assistance in addressing emerging issues. In addition, negotiations with respect to awarding merchandising, marketing and licensing rights (including corporate partner rights) shall be conducted by the NCAA president, who shall have the authority to determine the specific terms and conditions and to execute and enforce contracts for the award of such rights on behalf of the Association. The NCAA Board of Governors, at its discretion, may request a detailed accounting of any marketing, licensing, promotional and public affairs initiative that resulted in the awarding of a contract on behalf of the Association. Each division's presidential administrative group and management council may request a report related to any matter handled by the NCAA president under the authority of this legislation. (Adopted: 1/8/01, Revised: 1/26/15)

**31.6.4.3 Photographs, Films and Videotapes.** The Association reserves all rights to the use of still photographs, films and videotapes of its championships. All rights to photograph, film and videotape NCAA championships may be assigned to media representatives for news purposes but otherwise are to be controlled exclusively by NCAA Productions, a unit of the NCAA. NCAA Productions shall film or videotape certain NCAA championships, as recommended by the governing sports committees and approved by the Championships Committee. Its cost in filming or videotaping an NCAA championship and producing prints or videodubs for the NCAA library of films shall be entered as an item of game expenses for that championship. The filming or videotaping of NCAA championships by parties other than NCAA Productions (i.e., participating institutions or commercial film production companies) for any purpose other than news purposes may be permitted only with the advance written consent of the NCAA president.

**31.6.4.4 Use of Action Footage on Television News Programs.** The games committee of a particular NCAA championship for which exclusive rights have not been awarded may permit single television stations or television and/or cable networks to broadcast action footage of the championship (on a live or delayed basis) on their regular television news programs (see Bylaw 31.6.4.4.1). Unless otherwise approved by the NCAA, these broadcasts shall not exceed three minutes of action footage of the championship, unless

broadcast rights have been secured from the Association by payment of a rights fee. The NCAA president shall be authorized to interpret and apply these provisions as necessary.

**31.6.4.4.1 News Program.** A "news program" shall be a regularly scheduled program devoted exclusively to general news and/or sports news. Sports entertainment programs do not qualify under this provision.

**31.6.4.5 Live Microphone on Coach.** The placement of microphones on a team coach or in team huddles and bench areas for television, radio or motion-picture purposes is prohibited in all NCAA championships.

**31.6.4.6 Promotional Announcements for Professional Sports Contests.** During the telecast of any NCAA championship, there shall be not more than two promotional announcements for telecasts of professional sports contests. Each such announcement shall not exceed 15 seconds in length. It may be of a billboard nature only and shall not include any action footage of any professional sports contest. If less than the complete championship segment is televised, only one such professional announcement shall be permitted. These restrictions shall not apply to postseason bowl games. (Revised: 8/15/89, 10/22/13)

## **31.7 General Financial Management.**

**31.7.1 General Operating Budget.** The Board of Governors shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year before the end of any current fiscal year. The budget, as approved, shall list all anticipated revenues and expenses for the coming fiscal year, including transfers to or withdrawals from reserve funds. (Revised: 1/26/15)

### **31.7.2 Committee and Delegate Finances**

**31.7.2.1 Allowable Expenses, Committee Members.** Any member of an NCAA committee who is entitled under the following regulations to reimbursement of expenses for attendance at a committee meeting shall not receive such payment if the member fails to remain in actual attendance at the meeting for its entire duration as announced in advance. However, in any special case where a committee member for valid reasons is granted permission by the chair for late arrival or early departure, the member shall receive reimbursement in full.

**31.7.2.1.1 Transportation Allowances.** A committee member may be reimbursed for the following transportation expenses: (Revised: 1/13/98 effective 2/1/98)

(a) **Commercial Airline.** The member must travel using the lowest available coach airfare as detailed in the applicable travel policy; and (Revised: 8/12/91, 1/13/98 effective 2/1/98, 1/12/99, 4/17/18)

(b) **Automobile.** The member may claim mileage for the round trip at the NCAA approved rate, based upon the most direct route between the two points. (Revised: 1/13/98 effective 2/1/98, 1/9/06, 8/20/08)

**31.7.2.1.1.1 Travel to Competition Site.** A committee member or designated representative who travels to the site of preliminary competition in an NCAA championship via either ground or coach-class air may claim mileage at the NCAA approved rate, based on the most direct route between the two points. (Revised: 1/13/98, 1/9/06, 8/20/08)

**31.7.2.1.2 Per Diem Allowance.** A per diem allowance of \$75 may be claimed for each day or part thereof away from home, except that not more than one day's travel each way may be claimed. The Association shall pay single-room and tax charges for committee members attending scheduled committee meetings or on Association business. Incidental charges shall be the responsibility of the committee member. (Revised: 8/3/95, 1/13/98)

**31.7.2.1.3 Actual Expenses.** The Management Council or Board of Governors may authorize reimbursement of actual expenses, if circumstances warrant. (Revised: 1/26/15)

**31.7.2.1.4 Meeting Frequency.** Payment of expenses for attendance at meetings of an NCAA standing committee shall be limited to three meetings per year unless otherwise authorized by the Management Council, Presidents Council or Board of Governors. (Revised: 1/10/00, 10/30/08, 1/26/15)

**31.7.2.1.5 Meeting Site.** All committee meetings are required to be held in the Indianapolis metropolitan area following the applicable policies, unless an exception is granted by the NCAA travel staff or NCAA president. (Revised: 4/17/18)

**31.7.2.1.6 Special Committees.** The expense allowance for any special committees or for individuals engaged in official Association business shall be determined by the Management Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide committees. (Revised: 1/26/15)

**31.7.2.1.7 Sports Committees.** Meetings of sports committees shall be held in the Indianapolis metropolitan area following the applicable policies, unless an exception is granted by the NCAA travel staff or NCAA president. (Revised: 1/26/15, 4/17/18)

**31.7.2.1.8 Expense Allowance for Conventions.** An expense allowance shall not be granted for committee meetings held in connection with a Convention of the Association, except that standing committees that regularly meet before or after an Association Convention shall be entitled to one day's per diem for each day or part thereof on Association business, subject to the approval of the Management Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide committees. (Revised: 1/26/15)

**31.7.2.1.9 Approval of Payments.** All expense payments shall be submitted through the appropriate expense system and approved and processed by the NCAA travel staff according to the applicable policies. (Revised: 1/26/15, 4/17/18)

**31.7.2.1.10 Waivers.** The NCAA travel staff may grant waivers of the committee-expense regulations in particular cases as are deemed advisable to prevent hardship on a committee or an individual committee member. (Revised: 1/26/15, 4/17/18)

### **31.7.2.2 Allowable Delegate Expenses.**

**31.7.2.2.1 Meetings of Other Organizations.** Delegates of the Association attending meetings of other organizations (e.g., various sports federations) shall be entitled to the same expense allowances as those outlined in Bylaw 31.7.2.

**31.7.2.2.2 Games Committees for International Competition.** NCAA delegates to games committees appointed to supervise international competition may not receive expenses to more than one meeting during each academic year.

**31.7.2.2.3 Governing Boards of Other Organizations.** NCAA delegates to the governing boards of other organizations may claim an expense allowance for each regular or special meeting of the particular board.

**31.7.2.3 Prohibition Against Funding Olympics and Paralympics.** Income from the Association's championships shall not be allocated to the Olympic and Paralympic fund. (Revised: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)

### **31.7.3 Defense and Indemnification.**

**31.7.3.1 Conditions for Defense and Indemnification.** The Association shall defend and indemnify any present or former employee, committee member, or agent of the Association who is or was a party to or is threatened to be made a party to, or who is to be subpoenaed to be deposed or to give evidence in any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action or proceeding, including those brought by the Association, provided all of the following conditions are met: (Adopted: 1/14/02)

(a) The individual requesting defense and indemnification is being named as a party or subpoenaed to be deposed or to give evidence by reason of the fact that the individual is or was an employee, committee member, or agent of the Association or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise;

(b) The individual is determined to have been acting within the scope of the individual's duties to the Association;

(c) The individual is determined to have been acting in good faith and in a manner the individual reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association in the performance of the individual's duties to the Association. In respect to

any alleged criminal action or proceeding, the individual also must be determined to have had no reasonable cause to believe the alleged conduct was unlawful;

(d) The individual promptly and timely notifies the Association's general counsel of the actual or threatened service of process, subpoena, notice of deposition, or other legal process before incurring attorney fees or other expenses;

(e) The individual accepts counsel provided or approved by the Association and agrees to accede to the legal strategies approved by the Association's general counsel, including any settlement determinations. In the event that the individual wishes to hire other counsel or not accede to the Association's legal strategies, the Association shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify the individual, except when it is determined that a conflict of interest exists with the Association such that retaining separate counsel is warranted; and

(f) The individual agrees to repay any expenses, including attorney fees, incurred in bringing or defending a civil or criminal action or proceeding paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action or proceeding, if it is ultimately determined that the individual is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this bylaw.

**31.7.3.1.1 Determination Regarding Conditions for Defense and**

**Indemnification.** The determination as to whether indemnification is appropriate because the conditions of Bylaw 31.7.3.1 have been satisfied shall be made:

(Adopted: 1/14/02)

(a) By the Board of Governors Executive Committee by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of members who are not parties to such action or proceeding. The vote may be taken by electronic mail, telephone, facsimile or in person; or (Revised: 3/11/09, 1/26/15)

(b) If such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Board of Governors members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or (Revised: 1/26/15)

(c) By the NCAA president if so delegated by the Board of Governors. (Revised: 1/26/15)

**31.7.3.1.2 Definition of Committee.** For purposes of Bylaw 31.7.3, "committee" shall include all Association committees, boards, cabinets, councils, subcommittees and panels. (Adopted: 1/14/02)

**31.7.3.1.3 Termination of Action or Proceeding.** The termination of any action or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption in regard to these determinations. However, if an individual is adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of the individual's duty to the Association, there shall be no indemnification unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that, despite

the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such individual is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court shall deem proper. (Adopted: 1/14/02)

**31.7.3.2 Insurance.** The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any individual who is or was an employee, committee member, or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against any liability asserted against the individual and incurred by the individual in any such capacity or arising out of the individual's status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify the individual against such liability under the provisions of Bylaw 31.7.3. (Adopted: 1/14/02)

**31.7.3.3 Definition of Indemnification.** For purposes of this bylaw, indemnification shall consist of payment against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the individual in connection with such action or proceeding. (Adopted: 1/14/02)

#### **31.7.4 Insurance.**

**31.7.4.1 Primary Liability.** Host institutions and sponsoring agencies of NCAA championships shall have in place the insurance required and detailed in the bid specifications. At a minimum, every host and sponsoring agency shall have primary comprehensive general liability insurance coverage with combined single limits of at least \$1 million per occurrence. (Revised: 12/2/90, 4/17/18)

**31.7.4.2 Excess Liability.** The Association maintains excess liability insurance coverage for the conduct of NCAA championships. The coverage includes bodily injury and property damage resulting from accidents.

**31.7.4.3 Injury, Death and Dismemberment.** Basic athletics-injury, catastrophic-injury and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for participants in NCAA championships shall be provided by the Association.

#### **31.8 Personnel.**

**31.8.1 Employment.** In accordance with Constitution Article 2-A-3-(d), the NCAA president is authorized to employ such persons as may be necessary to conduct efficiently the business of the Association. The number of administrative personnel that may be employed shall be determined at the beginning of each fiscal year and may not be increased without the approval of the Board of Governors. The NCAA president may employ as many nonadministrative personnel as may be necessary. (Revised: 1/26/15)

**31.8.1.1 Affirmative Action.** In the selection of personnel for appointment, the policies and procedures of the Association's affirmative-action program, as approved by the Board of Governors, shall be followed. (Revised: 1/26/15)

**31.8.2 Staff Operations.** The national office staff operations shall be reviewed by the Board of Governors. Among the items to be reviewed by the subcommittee are: (Revised: 1/26/15)

- (a) Employee compensation;
- (b) Employee benefits; and
- (c) Allegations of improper conduct by any member of the national office staff as reported to the NCAA president.

**31.8.2.1 Employee Compensation and Benefits.** The Board of Governors shall review staff compensation and benefits at least once each year and shall recommend changes to the Board of Governors. (Revised: 1/26/15)

**31.8.2.2 Pension Trust Plan.** The policies for the retirement benefits of the staff are set forth in the NCAA Pension Trust Plan, which was adopted and may be revised by the Board of Governors. (Revised: 1/26/15)

**31.9 National Statistics Program.** A national statistics program shall be maintained for active member institutions in baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, football, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, and men's and women's volleyball. The national statistics program policies and procedures shall be published on the NCAA website. (Revised: 4/14/06, 1/15/09)

	Number of Active Members (2021-22)	Number of Teams Sponsoring (do not include reclassifying or provisional)	Percentage of Total Members (number of members X number of teams sponsoring)	Total Athletes (Taken from Sports Sponsorship Participation Rates Report)	Avg. Squad Size (Taken from Sports Sponsorship Participation Rates Report)	Championship Field Size/Cap	Regional Participants	Squad Size	Total Participants	Access Ratio*	AQ?	Number of Conferences with AQ	In sports without AQ, number of conferences with six members	Notes	Champ Manager
Men's Cross Country (individual)	300	264	88%	3,949	14.3	262	1388		1,388	15.07				accounting for at-large individual selection - champ field size includes all runners at championship, 238 team qualifiers plus 24 individual qualifiers.	A. Caldwell
Women's Cross Country (individual)	300	284	95%	3,795	12.8	262	1431		1,431	14.48				accounting for at-large individual selection - champ field size includes all runners at championship, 238 team qualifiers plus 24 individual qualifiers.	A. Caldwell
Men's Cross Country (team)	300	264	88%	3,949	14.3	34				7.76				238 student-athletes qualify as a team. A team qualifier includes 7 student-athletes. Access to final site, "all comers" meet for regionals.	A. Caldwell
Women's Cross Country (team)	300	284	95%	3,795	12.8	34				8.35				238 student-athletes qualify as a team. A team qualifier includes 7 student-athletes. Access to final site, "all comers" meet for regionals.	A. Caldwell
Women's Field Hockey	300	35	12%	925	25.7	6		24	144	5.83	No		3		N. Couch
Football	300	161	54%	20,346	120.4	28		58	1,624	5.75	Earned Access	15			R. Bahr
Men's Soccer	300	200	67%	7,414	36.2	40		24	960	5.00	Yes	19			E. Breece
Women's Soccer	300	252	84%	8,024	30.6	56		24	1,344	4.50	Yes	21			Z. Christopher
Volleyball	300	283	94%	5,349	18.1	64		17	1,088	4.42	Yes	23			D. Carter
Men's Basketball	300	296	99%	5,567	18.2	64		15	960	4.63	Yes	23			E. Breece
Women's Basketball	300	294	98%	4,912	16.1	64		15	960	4.59	Yes	23			K. Kirsch
Men's Swimming & Diving	300	75	25%	1,732	22.5	175			175	9.90					M. Liddane
Women's Swimming & Diving	300	99	33%	2,249	21.6	205			205	10.97					M. Liddane
Men's Indoor Track & Field	300	180	60%	6,753	37.1	270			270	25.01					D. Carter
Women's Indoor Track & Field	300	205	68%	6,600	32.0	270			270	24.44					D. Carter
Wrestling	300	64	21%	2,243	33.5	180	615		615	12.46				access to final site, "all comers" meet for regionals.	A. King
Baseball	300	247	82%	11,452	44.6	56		25	1,400	4.41					E. Breece
Men's Golf (individual)	300	218	73%	2,355	11.0	168	432		432	14.02	Yes	22		accounting for at-large individual selection - champ field size includes all golfers at championship, 160 team qualifiers plus 8 total individual qualifiers.	A. Cannavaro
Women's Golf (individual)	300	193	64%	1,646	8.3	128	264		264	12.86				accounting for at-large individual selection - champ field size includes all golfers at championship, 120 team qualifiers plus 8 total individual qualifiers.	A. Caldwell
Men's Golf (team)	300	218	73%	2,355	11.0	32				6.81	Yes	22			A. Cannavaro
Women's Golf (team)	300	193	64%	1,646	8.3	24				8.04	Yes	19		160 student-athletes qualify as a team. A team qualifier includes 5 student-athletes.	A. Caldwell
Men's Lacrosse	300	75	25%	3,393	45.2	12		32	304	6.25	No		9	120 student-athletes qualify as a team. A team qualifier includes 5 student-athletes.	W. Hopkins
Women's Lacrosse	300	113	38%	2,906	25.7	16		28	448	7.06	No		12		R. Bea
Women's Rowing	300	12	4%	439	29.3	6		16	96	2.00	No				M. Bailey
Softball	300	272	91%	6,419	22.6	64		20	1,280	4.25	Yes	23	0		A. Rice
Men's Tennis	300	147	49%	1,642	10.8	48		9	432	3.06	Yes	17			Z. Christopher
Women's Tennis	300	202	67%	1,980	9.5	48		9	432	4.21	Yes	20			Z. Christopher
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	300	222	74%	8,052	35.5	377			377	21.36					D. Carter
Women's Outdoor Track & Field	300	251	84%	7,923	30.7	377			377	21.02					D. Carter

**Individual team sports**

\* Access ratio determined as follows: Team Sports (Number of teams sponsoring/bracket size); Individual-team sports (Total athletes/field size)

Men's Swimming***	300	75	25%	1,663	22.2	175			175	9.50					M. Liddane
Women's Swimming***	300	99	33%	2,130	21.5	205			205	10.39					M. Liddane
Men's Diving**	300	26	9%	69	2.7	18			18	3.83					M. Liddane
Women's Diving**	300	30	10%	119	4.0	22			22	5.41					M. Liddane

\*\* Swimming and diving sponsorship data is collected jointly through membership reports. The diving membership was asked to complete a survey reporting their current diving specific sponsorship and roster numbers. This reporting did not come from a formalized request, but provides context between the varying sponsorship of swimming and diving.

\*\*\* Swimming data with the removal of diving data.

## 2024-27 Division II Budget Tracking Document

Sport	Manager	New Initiatives (Sport Committee Requests)	Amount
All	Kirsch/Liddane	General championship enhancements	\$15,000
All	Kirsch/Liddane	Banquets (\$30 to \$50)	\$114,280
All	Kirsch/Liddane	Honorariums (20%)	\$42,420
All	Kirsch/Liddane	Mementos (\$75 to \$100)	\$142,850
All	Kirsch/Liddane	Preliminary round signage (25% increase)	\$18,690
All	Kirsch/Liddane	Officiating fee increase (DIII + \$10)	\$23,020
Baseball	Breece	Increase travel party by one (29 to 30) (Priority 1)	\$75,000
Baseball	Breece	Super regional format change to three days (Priority 2)	\$58,810
Baseball	Breece	Finals site format change to best of three series (Priority 3)	\$44,330
M/W Basketball	Breece/Kirsch	DV Sport at regional sites (\$85,604 per gender) (Priority 1)	\$171,208
M/W Basketball	Breece/Kirsch	Regional evaluator stipend (\$6,000 per gender) (Priority 2)	\$12,000
Field Hockey	Couch	Increase bracket to eight teams (from six to eight)	\$89,050
Football	Buhr	Increase officiating fees (from \$270 to \$325) (Priority 1)	\$10,395
Football	Buhr	Increase alternate fees (from \$120 to \$200) (Priority 2)	\$2,160
Football	Buhr	Increase video evaluator fee (from \$110 to \$150) (Priority 3)	\$1,080
M/W Golf	Caldwell/Cannavaro	Tee markers (\$8,000 per gender) (Priority 1) <b>Note: One time expense, authorized by Championships Committee 2/23</b>	
M/W Golf	Caldwell/Cannavaro	Live scoring leaderboard at final site (\$10,000 per gender) (Priority 2)	\$20,000
W Golf	Caldwell	Increase regionals field size to 72 teams (from 48 to 72) (Priority 1)	\$135,494
W Golf	Caldwell	Increase regionals field size to 80 teams (from 48 to 80) (Priority 2)	\$178,494
W Golf	Caldwell	Increase final site field size to 20 teams (from 18 to 20) (Priority 3)	\$25,506
M Lacrosse	Hopkins/Bailey	Increase bracket to 16 teams (from 12 to 16)	\$139,508
W Lacrosse	Rea	Increase bracket to 24 teams (16 to 24) (Priority 1)	\$191,000
W Lacrosse	Rea	Increase bracket to 20 teams (16 to 20) (Priority 2)	\$95,500
M/W Soccer	Breece/Christopher	Staggered start at final site (Priority 1)	\$7,500
M/W Soccer	Breece/Christopher	Separation of third and quarterfinal rounds (Men's - \$35,028, Women's - \$25,244) (Priority 2)	\$60,272
Softball	Rice	Increase squad size to 24, travel party to 30 (Priority 1)	\$306,000
Softball	Rice	Increase squad size to 22, travel party to 28 (Priority 2)	\$154,000
Softball	Rice	Additional cameras for video replay at final site (Priority 3)	\$3,850
M Swimming/Diving	Liddane	Increase field size by 30 (Priority 1)	\$72,000
M/W Swimming/Diving	Liddane	Gifts for relay-only swimmers (Priority 2)	\$6,200
M/W Tennis	Christopher	Officials on every court at final site (14 to 28) <b>Note: Implemented in FY24 budget since this is happening at 2023 joint championship (DI/DIII already do this)</b>	
M/W Indoor Track	Carter	Set field sizes (Priority 1a)	\$46,000
M/W Outdoor Track	Carter	Set field sizes (Priority 1b)	\$136,000
M/W Outdoor Track	Carter	Four day outdoor championship; no increase to field size (Priority 2)	\$187,590
Volleyball	Carter	National coordinator of officials (Priority 1)	\$17,500
Volleyball	Carter	Travel expenses for line judges (Priority 2)	\$36,000
Volleyball	Carter	Increase game fee for line judges at final site (Priority 3)	\$240
Wrestling	King	Expenses for athletic trainer at final site (Priority 1)	\$86,000
Wrestling	King	Independent video review (Priority 2)	\$12,500
Wrestling	King	Increase officials fees by \$25 per session (Priority 3)	\$3,650

Total Cost of Requests	\$2,741,097
Amount Over/Under Budget	-\$1,691,097
All Priority 1 sport committee requests	\$1,482,655
General championships requests	\$356,260

<b>New Initiatives Budget</b>	\$1,050,000
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<b>Included in FY24 Budget</b>	
Patches (all sports, all rounds)	\$9,736
Baseball video replay	\$9,000
Indoor track supplemental officials	\$1,800
Outdoor track supplemental officials	\$3,150
Softball - 6 to 7 days	\$25,000
Tennis - officials on every court	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88,686</b>